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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE EDUCATIONAL AND
POLITICAL LEGACY OF CYNTHIA MAGEE AS THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN
ELECTED TO A COUNTY OFFICE IN WALTHALL COUNTY AND THE FIRST FEMALE
TO SERVE AS SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION IN THE COUNTY'S 100-YEAR
HISTORY, ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT.

WHEREAS, the professional and political legacy of Cynthia

Magee is a matter of record: As Principal of Tylertown High

School, Cynthia J. Magee had a string of firsts to her credit.

She served as the first African-American Principal of Tylertown

High School as well as being the first female Principal of the

school. In 2007, she was one of two African-American women to run

for County Superintendent of Education post, and was the first

African-American to land a spot in the runoff for that seat. The

election of Cynthia Magee was a historical moment in Walthall

County politics. Not only was Magee the first African-American

elected to a countywide office, she was also the first female to

serve as Superintendent of Education in the county's 100-year

history; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia J. Magee is a native Mississippian, born and reared in Kemper County as one of 14 children born to Enos and Alma Jackson. She is a graduate of Jackson State University, having earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Education with an emphasis in Special Education. She also received her Master's degree in School Administration from William Carey College. Mrs. Magee, a citizen of Walthall County for nearly 40 years, has given much of that time in service through education. She spent 16 years in the classroom as a Special Education teacher; and

WHEREAS, she transitioned from teaching to administrative roles, serving 22 years as a high school administrator. During her tenure as Principal of Tylertown High School, Mrs. Magee implemented a GED program, in-school suspension, and the Ramp-Up to Math and Reading programs, she pushed for a junior ROTC program, and she helped reorganize school-sponsored proms and dances. Under her leadership, the school upgraded its sports offerings for females, moving from slow-pitch to include fast-pitch softball, and the school implemented soccer and volleyball; and

WHEREAS, throughout her years of service, Mrs. Magee has committed herself to advocating on behalf of children. Her attitude of excellence has fostered positive change on the campus she served and across the entire Walthall County School District. She is a member of Brandon Bay United Methodist Church, a member
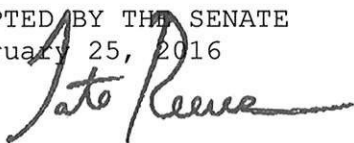
of the Board of Directors for the McComb and Walthall County Boys and Girls Club, a member of the Rotary Club, and a member of the Mississippi Association of Education/National Education Association. Mrs. Magee is married to Mr. James E. Magee, Sr. They have two adult children and four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we pay tribute to this most public-spirited citizen of Mississippi with a record of educational achievement and a legacy of leadership and dedication to all in Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby recognize the educational and political legacy of Cynthia Magee as the first African-American elected to a county office in Walthall County and the first female to serve as Superintendent of Education in the county's 100-year history, and extend our best wishes to Mrs. Magee and her family on the occasion of her retirement ceremony.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to Mrs. Cynthia J. Magee, forwarded to the State Board of Education and the Walthall County Board of Education, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE
February 25, 2016

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
March 3, 2016

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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